

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 587

By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Ms. Robin Letise
Fernandez as a Horatio Alger Scholar.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Robin Letise Fernandez, of Memphis, is one such exceptional Craigmont High School student who was recently named as a Horatio Alger Scholar; and

WHEREAS, each year the National Horatio Alger Association seeks to honor those special students who excel through scholarship, integrity and dedication, and demonstrate a commitment to hard work and an ability to overcome hardship; and

WHEREAS, even in college, these scholars must continue to demonstrate the ideals of good citizenship and hard work and must maintain a high grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Robin was one of six students from the state of Tennessee that was nominated for the Horatio Alger National Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, by having the honor of being one of two Tennessee schools named as a Horatio Alger School of Excellence, Craigmont High School was directly awarded a \$5,000 grant by agreeing to host a Horatio Alger Youth Seminar which is designed to instill students

with confidence about their capabilities and their futures, promote interest in and understanding of the free enterprise system, provide students with outstanding role models who exemplify the Horatio Alger goal of triumphing over adversity and achieving success, and recognize the Horatio Alger National Scholarship recipient; and

WHEREAS, along with being awarded a \$5,000 college scholarship for being named a Horatio Alger Scholar, Ms. Fernandez will be sent to Washington, D.C. for one week to attend the Horatio Alger seminar and to meet with other National Scholars, as well as being eligible for up to an additional \$3,000 through the Association's State Scholarship and Student Achievement Scholarship program; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Ms. Fernandez has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students of Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, an avid reader who also enjoys spending her spare time singing and writing, Robin's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; as she hopes to become an ophthalmologist; and

WHEREAS, Robin's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Peter and Lillie Fernandez, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Robin's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Ms. Robin Letise Fernandez, of Craigmont High School, on being one of two Tennesseans named as a Horatio Alger Scholar, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.